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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael J. Yaszemski *et al.*

Application No.: 10/562,591

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For: HYDROXYAPATITE GRAFTED FUMARATE BASED MACROMERS FOR
BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITES

Confirmation No.: 8565

Group Art Unit: 1796

Examiner: Olga Asinovsky

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2008. Please
amend the above-identified application as follows.

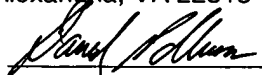
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

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